

## MGSD Web Applications Guide

MGSD students use a variety of online Web applications as a resource to enhance their learning experience. Although these applications are widely used by the education community and support their use in K-12 institutions, their Terms of Service state that due to Federal Law any users under the age of 18 must obtain explicit parental permission to use their sites.

All websites and tools have been and will continue to be thoroughly examined by experienced educators and are used commonly in education today, but new tools arise every day. Some common tools that your children may encounter and use are, but not limited to:

- **Networks:** A networking site is a place where teachers and students can communicate, collaborate, and share content. Examples include email and cloud file storage and sharing.
- **Blogs:** A blog is a website where student work can be published online.
- **Google Apps:** An online suite of productivity and digital tools.
- **Podcasts:** A podcast is a digital audio file that is distributed over the Internet for playback.
- **Videos:** A video is a recording displaying moving images and audio. Digital video files can incorporate photos, voiceovers and music.
- **Social bookmarking:** Social bookmarking is a way for Internet users to save, classify and share websites.

## MEDIA RELEASE FORM

For school and school-related programs, my child may be interviewed, photographed, videotaped and/or voice recorded and his/her name, image, likeness and voice may be used in MGSD-approved photographs, videos, publications, news media and web pages for special projects or publicity aimed at promoting school activities and sound teaching practices. I understand the contents of the interview may be published or aired publicly.

My child will be under the supervision of a school staff member while being interviewed, filmed or photographed, unless my child is part of a general background or group scene in which my child is not identified.

My child reserves the right to refuse to answer any questions or participate in any discussions that make him/her feel uncomfortable or embarrassed, and at any time my child and/or the supervising school agent reserves the right to terminate the interview, photo or video session.

MGSD is under no obligation to air or publish the image, photos, videotape, and/or voice of my child. I understand that neither I, nor my child, will receive monetary compensation for allowing my child's image or voice to be used, and that my child's appearance or the use of his/her voice in any publication, photo or televised form does not grant any ownership rights to me or my child.

## Mooresville Graded School District Student Web Page Guidelines

The primary purpose of the student website is to create a digital portfolio online. The following are guidelines for publication on this site.

- All content must relate to the Mooresville Graded School District mission and not conflict with any district rules, policies or regulations.
- Students will be instructed on how to make their webpage/digital portfolio private and only available to individuals they choose.
- Any student work must be published in accordance with copyright and fair use laws.
- Student pages may not contain text, graphics, multimedia or copyrighted materials from other websites without the written consent of the author.
- **Prohibited** items include: (but not limited to) Non-district email addresses, Non-district mailing address, Non-district phone numbers, Chat areas, message boards, guest books.
- All students must follow the school and MGSD Web Page Development Policy 3227/7322.
- Students must keep username and password confidential.